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SUBJECT:STATUS RENEWAL BILATERAL TRANSPORTATION AND OCEANS
AGREEMENTS WITH SOVIET UNION

FOR DAS LUERS ONLY FROM MCCALL

1. TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT. THERE DO NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND SOVIETS ON BASIC TEXT, WITH NOTABLE EXCEPTION OF QUESTION OF OUR PROPOSED TWO-YEAR EXTENSION. ON JUNE 14, AYKAZYAN OF SCST SUGGESTED A COMPROMISE OF A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION WITH PROVISION FOR AUTOMATIC RENEWAL FOR FOLLOWING THREE YEARS. (THE IDEA IS APPARENTLY AYKAZYAN'S AND HE CAUTIONED IT HAD NOT BEEN FULLY CLEARED WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.) ON JUNE 16, THE NSC REJECTED AYKAZYAN'S INFORMAL COMPROMISE PROPOSAL, FINDING OUR ORIGINAL WORDING COMPLETELY ADEQUATE. DEPART-
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MENT IS PREPARING CABLE TO MOSCOW INSTRUCTING EMBASSY TO STAY WITH ORIGINAL, FLAT TWO-YEAR EXTENSION AND TO PRESS SOVIETS FOR EXCHANGE OF NOTES JUNE 19.

2. OCEANS AGREEMENT. AYKAZYAN ASSERTED TO EMBASSY SCI COUNS JUNE 16 THAT MFA AND SCST WILL CABLE AUTHORIZATION SAME DAY TO SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON FOR EXCHANGE OF DIP-

LOMATIC NOTES ON EXTENSION OF OCEANS BILATERAL JUNE 19 FOR
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